

MINUTES OF THE WOODSIDE TOWN MEETING

October 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Mike Warren. A newsletter had been sent out to all residents and property owners prior to the meeting, advising them that a new Zoning Map was being presented and needed to be approved. There were six residents in attendance, in addition to Council members; Brenda Richards, Stephanie Holyfield, Jim Carpenter and Diane Crom. A written agenda was followed.

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the Draft of Woodside's new Zoning Map. The last map was approved in 1984, when the entire town was zoned Residential (R-1). Since that time, new businesses and churches have been built in the town, after approval by previous Town Councils and Mayors. Discussion also centered on how property owners could have changes made to their property zoning, if needed, by sending a written proposal and reason for the zoning change to the town council and Mayor. There were no questions from the attendees and no opposition to accepting the new Zoning Map. Brenda stated that a new Ordinance must also be written to officially adopt the Zoning Map. The State officials at Planning and Zoning will be informed of the approval and will have a copy of the Ordinance sent for review.

A copy of the Annexation Process, which is attached to these Minutes, was also made available to those considering annexing their split properties into Woodside. The advantages of annexing into Woodside and rate of taxation was discussed. Attendees were interested in how more homes could be annexed into Woodside, if they were contiguous with the town boundary. Mike Warren stated that he did not want to force people to annex their properties. He was asked about cost and stated that there is no cost for the annexation itself, but the property annexed would be taxed by the town. The Hake family has 2 properties that they want to annex into town. One is a twelve acre parcel along Steeles Ridge Road, where possibly 1 or 2 homes could be built. Some wetlands area is also involved in this large parcel.

Brenda Richards announced that the Realty Transfer Tax Fee was finally approved in April, with the State reimbursing the Town for homes that sold after July 2018. So far, the town has received approximately \$1500 in the Realty Transfer Tax.

Stephanie Holyfield presented the Treasurer's Report, with a report of \$13,212 in the checking account and \$10,000 from a Savings Account CD. Stephanie stated that the town still has about \$4,000 left in the Municipal Street Aid Fund to pay for the street lights.

Brenda Richards reported that Postmaster Bob Bossi is still hospitalized at Christiana Hospital after his serious accident in September. Information from the family have stated that he is now awake and alert and can walk with assistance. Family has stated they will post an address on Facebook, so he can receive cards and notes. Brenda will try to post the address when it becomes available.

The stop sign at the end of Fleming Street was taken and had to be replaced, with a charge of \$38.23 to the town, since Fleming Street is the town's responsibility.

Mike Warren stated that there is an abandoned car in the lot near Gary's Car Care. The car is not a public problem, but the State Police have been notified so they can contact the owner and get it towed away.

Paul Davis asked what is being done with Mr. Shahan's aluminum can collection, which has become quite an eyesore and affects Mr. Davis' business across the street. Mike Warren stated he has stopped and talked to Mr. Shahan twice and letters have been sent to him requesting that the cans be removed, but to no avail. Mike stated he has talked to the town solicitor about the situation and was told that we could go through legal channels, which could cost the town about \$1200. The other issue is the solicitor said the council members could be sued by Mr. Shahan, if we continued to contact him about the cans and he felt harassed. The director of County Code Enforcement has also been contacted and even sent people out to Mr. Shahan's twice and still nothing has been done. Brenda found that the town does not actually have an ordinance in place to address junkyards and unkempt yards. Mr. Davis said he would call the County and get a warrant out to file Civil Action himself, if needed. One attendee stated that Adult Protective Services would be contacted at 424-7310 to evaluate whether Mr. Shahan is a Hoarder and needs assistance in cleaning up his yard. Mike offered to work with Mr. Davis on dealing with the situation, if needed.

Mr. Davis suggested we get a light installed for the back parking lot, as it is a safety concern. Mike stated he agreed and would follow up on the suggestion.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Brenda Richards, Secretary